

CSSI Update

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Key Contract Dates

The Department of General Services (DGS) anticipates that several new CSSI contracts will be awarded in the near future.

Please visit the CSSI Key Contract Dates Calendar at:

<http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/pd/strategic/ContractKeyDates2005.doc>

The table below shows the **tentative** award dates for upcoming contracts. Please note that these contract award dates are **subject to change**.

CAL-Buy & ePurchasing Coming Soon

Strategic Sourcing uses state-of-the-art tools to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the procurement process. One of these tools is electronic purchasing, and the DGS is using the Internet-based tool, CAL-Buy, to automate the procurement of select, strategically sourced contracts.

CAL-Buy is an Internet-based purchasing system that connects government buyers to a central search engine where they can find strategically sourced products and add them to an online shopping cart. When buyers are finished shopping, they simply click the "Submit" button and purchase orders are transmitted electronically—and immediately—to required approvers and, upon final approval, to the supplier's desktop.

The DGS is currently working to allow several of the State's largest departments to participate in the CAL-Buy system. After this initial implementation, the DGS will help other departments take advantage of CAL-Buy until the majority of State agencies have access to electronic purchasing.

Common Configurations for IT Hardware

For the latest information on common configurations for IT Hardware-PC Goods, please click here: <http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/StratSourcing/Commonconfiguration-IT.htm>

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Need More Info?

For the latest information on strategically sourced contracts, please visit the CSSI Web site at www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/stratsourcing, or call the CSSI Information Line at 1-866-885-8344.